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Group Art Unit : 1772  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application.

This Statement is submitted:

- [ ] within three months of the application filing date;  
 [X] more than three months from the application filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, in the event that the first Office Action on the merits has been mailed, this Statement is accompanied by a certification as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) and therefore no fee is required. If for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants,  
through their representatives, make of record the following  
documents:

United States Patents

Patentee	Patent No.	Issue Date
Tantam	3,913,776	October 21, 1975
Cornell	4,079,729	March 21, 1978
Andrews	4,635,042	January 6, 1987
Meyer, IV et al.	5,642,776	July 1, 1997

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Country	Publication No.	Publication Date
Europe	EP 0 261 033 A	March 23, 1988
Germany	DE 197 08 729 A	October 1, 1998
Germany	DE 198 40 640 A	March 16, 2000

A copy of each of the aforementioned documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (in duplicate), is enclosed herewith.

The documents listed above were recently cited in an International Search Report which issued in the counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the International Search Report is attached.

This Statement is being filed before the issuance of an Office Action on the merits in the present application. Accordingly, no payment of fees is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). However, in the event that the first Office Action on the merits has been issued, this Statement

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Applicants respectfully request that these documents be (1) considered by the Examiner prior to issuance of any patent from this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue from this application. Applicants also request that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that the documents listed in the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were cited in the February 28, 2003 International Search Report of International Application No. PCT/US01/44632 -- the Patent Cooperation Treaty counterpart of the present application.

That communication was mailed not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith.

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